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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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The Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2002, please amend the application as follows, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments

IN THE SPECIFICATION.

Please amend the specification as indicated:

Replace paragraph 0052 with the following:

[0052] In particular in the compositions for pretreatment of galvanized metals or steel metal surfaces, preferably the composition also includes boric acid. When the prevalent metal surface for coating is galvanized, boric acid is generally present in an amount of at least 0.02 moles/liter, preferably in an amount of at least 0.05 moles/liter, and more preferably in an amount of at least 0.1 moles/liter.

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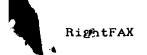
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